

Montana Judicial Branch 2017 Legislative Proposals

Proposal 1	Legislation authorizing new judges: one each in the 4 th , 8 th , and 11 th Judicial Districts and two in the 13th Judicial District; contingent upon funding (see attached detail)
Proposal 2	Legislation removing the violent and sexual offender prohibition from the drug treatment court statutes (46-1-1104 and 46-1-1204, MCA); recommendation from drug court performance audit; could be in conjunction with Sentencing Commission
Proposal 3	Legislation modifying and removing the sunset from HB612 child abuse diversion project; working with budget subcommittee and DPHHS on language
Proposal 4	Legislation removing the required IT report from 3-1-702(3), MCA

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Proposal Recommendation Highlights

2019 Biennium

☐ **New Judges' Package**

- Two judges in the 13th Judicial District (Yellowstone County - one appointed in January 2018; other elected to take office in January 2019)
- One judge in the 4th Judicial District (Missoula/Mineral Counties - appointed in January 2018)
- One judge each in the 8th and 11th Judicial Districts (Cascade and Flathead Counties elected to take office in January 2019)
- One standing master in the 1st Judicial District with .5 Judicial Assistant (Lewis and Clark/Broadwater Counties - start date July 2017)
 - Each judge would receive the full staff (JA, Law Clerk and Court Reporter), funding for furniture and equipment, courtroom furnishings, court reporter equipment and audio/video

	FY18		FY19		Biennium
DISTRICT COURT					
New Judges & Staff	5.5 FTE	631,471.00	15.5 FTE	1,676,455.00	2,307,926.00